

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

ARTHUR JAMES GRIFFIN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL MYERS; BABER,  
Correctional Officer; BURK,  
Correctional Officer; LOPEZ,  
Correctional Officer; and MEUN,  
Correctional Officer;

Defendants.

**8:20CV521**

**MEMORANDUM  
AND ORDER**

This matter is before the court on Plaintiff Arthur James Griffin's Motion for Leave to Proceed in Forma Pauperis ("IFP"). (Filing No. 2.) As stated in the Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), a prisoner cannot

bring a civil action . . . or proceeding [IFP] if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action . . . in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.

28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

The court has identified the following cases that may have been brought by Plaintiff that were dismissed because they failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted: *Griffin v. Newton, et al.*, Filing Nos. 7 & 8, 8:09CV400 (D. Neb.) (finding Plaintiff's complaint failed to state a claim for relief and dismissing case on March 18, 2010, after Plaintiff failed to amend complaint); *Griffin v. Herrick, et al.*, Filing Nos. 15 & 20, 8:18CV316 (D. Neb.) (finding Plaintiff's complaint failed to

state a claim for relief and dismissing case on October 24, 2018, after Plaintiff failed to amend complaint); *Griffin v. State of Nebraska, et al.*, Filing Nos. 13 & 18, 8:18CV317 (D. Neb.) (finding Plaintiff's complaint failed to state a claim for relief and dismissing case on October 24, 2018, after Plaintiff failed to amend complaint).

On the court's own motion, Plaintiff is ordered to show cause within 30 days of this court's Memorandum and Order why these cases should not be considered strikes against him per the terms of the PLRA, and why he is entitled to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Alternatively, Plaintiff may pay the court's \$400.00 filing and administrative fees within 30 days. In the absence of good cause shown, or the payment of the necessary fees, this matter will be dismissed without further notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff has 30 days from the date of this Memorandum and Order to show cause why the three cases referenced above should not be considered strikes against him per the terms of the PLRA, and why he is entitled to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). In the alternative, Plaintiff may pay the \$400.00 filing and administrative fees within 30 days. In the absence of either action by Plaintiff, this matter will be dismissed without further notice.

2. The clerk's office is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this matter with the following text: **February 15, 2021**: deadline for Plaintiff to show cause or pay fees.

DATED this 14th day of January, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



Richard G. Kopf  
Senior United States District Judge